

THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF BI-MONTHLY STATION ALLOWANCE CHANGES EFFECTIVE **01 JANUARY 2003**, FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: **ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, CANADA, COLOMBIA, CROATIA, DENMARK, ECUADOR, ESTONIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, GIBRALTAR, GREECE, GUAM, HONDURAS, HONG KONG, HUNGARY, ICELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, JERUSALEM, KOREA, LITHUANIA, LUXEMBOURG, MALTA, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, PUERTO RICO, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, THAILAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA AND VIETNAM**

THE CHANGES ARE GROUPED BY TYPE OF ALLOWANCE (SECTION A: COST-OF-LIVING; SECTION B: OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE; SECTION C: EXCHANGE RATES); THEREFORE, A COUNTRY/ LOCALITY MAY BE LISTED IN MORE THAN ONE SECTION OF THE MESSAGE.

SECTION A

APPENDIX J - COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES WILL CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY: (IC) ICELAND CHANGE CODE(S): X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
144	146	001
146	148	005
None	N/C	999

COUNTRY: (JA) JAPAN CHANGE CODE(S): D

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
174	172	003,021
128	126	023

COUNTRY: (MT) MALTA CHANGE CODE(S): X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
118	120	999

COUNTRY: (NZ) NEW ZEALAND CHANGE CODE(S): X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
120	124	003,999

COUNTRY: (NO) NORWAY CHANGE CODE(S): X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
156	158	003, 021
170	174	001, 005, 007, 016, 025

COUNTRY: (RP) PHILIPPINES CHANGE CODE(S): X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
None	N/C	003,005,701
None	N/C	999

COUNTRY: (SG) SENEGAL

CHANGE CODE(S): D

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
114	112	999

COUNTRY: (SN) SINGAPORE

CHANGE CODE(S): X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
124	126	001

Effective 01 January 2003, COLA unique is revised from \$719 to \$733 for all members in Singapore

COUNTRY: (SZ) SWITZERLAND

CHANGE CODE(S): X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
184	188	001, 005, 009, 015, 999

COUNTRY: (UY) URUGUAY

CHANGE CODE(S): D

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
134	132	003,999

SECTION B

APPENDIX K, TABLE I - OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCES

NOTE: FOR MOST COUNTRIES, OHA TABLES ARE PUBLISHED IN LOCAL CURRENCY AND ONLY DATA CHANGES ARE REPORTED. ALL CURRENCY CHANGES ARE REPORTED IN SECTION C.

COUNTRY: (AR) ARGENTINA
Rate of Exchange: \$0.285714
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (AS) AUSTRALIA
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 703 to 818 Australian Dollars for personnel in Australia
CHANGE CODE(S): D

				O4/W5	O3	O2/W2	
	LOCALITY			/W4	/W3	/W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>
AUSTRALIA:	AS						
NOWRA (INCL JERVIS BAY)	013	N/C	N/C	N/C	1825	1694	1694

COUNTRY: (AS) AUSTRIA
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 216 to 247 Euro for personnel in Austria
CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (BE) BELGIUM
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 400 to 494 Euro for personnel in Belgium - Shape Village and from 646 to 556 Euro for personnel in other localities in Belgium
CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (BR) BRAZIL
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 330 to 193 US Dollars for personnel in Brazil
CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (CA) CANADA
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 524 to 464 Canadian Dollars for personnel in Canada
CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (CO) COLOMBIA
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 285 to 287 US Dollars for personnel in Colombia
CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (HR) CROATIA
Rate of Exchange: \$0.139470
CHANGE CODE(S): X

				O4/W5	O3	O2/W2	
	LOCALITY			/W4	/W3	/W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>
	HR						
CROATIA	999	25095	25095	25095	21510	21510	17925

		<u>E9</u>	<u>E8</u>	<u>E7</u>	<u>E6</u>	<u>E5</u>	<u>E4</u>	E2/E1 <u>E3</u>
	HR							
CROATIA	999	21510	21510	21510	17925	17925	17925	17925

COUNTRY: (DA) DENMARK

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 3836 to 4307 Danish Krone for personnel in Denmark

COUNTRY: (EC) ECUADOR

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 285 to 306 US Dollars for personnel in Ecuador

				O4/W5 /W4	O3 /W3	O2/W2 /W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>

ECUADOR: EC
QUITO 005

2500 N/C N/C N/C N/C N/C

COUNTRY: (EN) ESTONIA

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: \$0.065359

COUNTRY: (FR) FRANCE

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 480 to 565 Euro for personnel in France

COUNTRY: (GM) GERMANY

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 444 to 446 Euro for personnel in Germany

COUNTRY: (GI) GIBRALTAR

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 122 to 186 British Pound for personnel in Gibraltar

COUNTRY: (GR) GREECE

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 430 to 339 Euro for personnel in Greece – Larissa and from 398 to 348 Euro for personnel in other localities in Greece.

				O4/W5 /W4	O3 /W3	O2/W2 /W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>

GREECE:
LARISSA (INCL
TIRNAVOS)

GR
011 N/C N/C 1100 N/C N/C N/C

								E2/E1
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>E9</u>	<u>E8</u>	<u>E7</u>	<u>E6</u>	<u>E5</u>	<u>E4</u>	<u>E3</u>
GREECE: LARISSA (INCL TIRNAVOS)	GR 011	N/C	N/C	880	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C

COUNTRY: (GQ) GUAM
 Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 450 to 405 US Dollars for personnel in Guam

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (HO) HONDURAS
 Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 336 to 397 US Dollars for personnel in Honduras

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (HK) HONG KONG
 Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 2100 to 3096 Hong Kong Dollars for personnel in Hong Kong

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (HU) HUNGARY
 Rate of Exchange: \$0.004444

CHANGE CODE(S): X

				O4/W5	O3	O2/W2		
	LOCALITY			/W4	/W3	/W1/		
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>	
	HU							
HUNGARY	999	596250	596250	596250	596250	562500	517500	
								E2/E1
		<u>E9</u>	<u>E8</u>	<u>E7</u>	<u>E6</u>	<u>E5</u>	<u>E4</u>	<u>E3</u>
	HU							
HUNGARY	999	561375	561375	517500	478350	465300	450000	450000

COUNTRY: (IC) ICELAND
 Rate of Exchange: \$0.012618

CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (IS) ISRAEL
 Rate of Exchange: \$0.219780

CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (IT) ITALY
 Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 441 to 547 Euro for personnel in Aviano, from 400 to 509 Euro for personnel in Naples, from 371 to 429 Euro for personnel in Sigonella, from 408 to 467 Euro for personnel in Vicenza and from 452 to 517 Euro for personnel in other localities in Italy

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (JS) JERUSALEM
 Rate of Exchange: \$0.219780

CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (KS) KOREA
 Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 494080 to 371901 South Korean Won for personnel in Korea-Kunsan, Taegu and Seoul and from 494080 to 597403 South Korean Won for personnel in all other localities in Korea

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (LU) LUXEMBOURG
 Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 260 to 409 Euro for personnel in Luxembourg

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (MX) MEXICO
 Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 280 to 388 US Dollars for personnel in Mexico

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (NL) NETHERLANDS

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 443 to 541 Euro for personnel in Netherlands

COUNTRY: (NZ) NEW ZEALAND

CHANGE CODE(S): D,X

Rate of Exchange: \$0.526316

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 366 to 510 New Zealand Dollars for personnel in New Zealand

COUNTRY: (NO) NORWAY

CHANGE CODE(S): D,X

Rate of Exchange: \$0.142045

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 3456 to 3499 Norwegian Krone for personnel in Norway

COUNTRY: (PM) PANAMA

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 275 to 317 US Dollars for personnel in Panama

COUNTRY: (PA) PARAGUAY

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 355 to 369 US Dollars for personnel in Paraguay

COUNTRY: (PE) PERU

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 505 to 677 US Dollars for personnel in Peru

COUNTRY: (RP) PHILIPPINES

CHANGE CODE(S): D,X

Rate of Exchange: \$0.018519

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 10084 to 22101 Philippine Peso for personnel in Philippines

				O4/W5 /W4	O3 /W3	O2/W2 /W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>

PHILIPPINES: RP

MANILA (FOR
MEMBERS WITH
RENTAL ADVANCES) 701

177617 171164 150879 124836 124836 124836

								E2/E1
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>E9</u>	<u>E8</u>	<u>E7</u>	<u>E6</u>	<u>E5</u>	<u>E4</u>	<u>E3</u>

PHILIPPINES: RP

MANILA (FOR
MEMBERS WITH
RENTAL ADVANCES) 701

124836 124836 124836 115364 115364 115364 115364

COUNTRY: (PO) PORTUGAL

CHANGE CODE(S): D

Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 356 to 362 Euro for personnel in Portugal – Lisbon and from 316 to 321 for personnel in all other localities in Portugal

COUNTRY: (RQ) PUERTO RICO
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 433 to 452 US Dollars for personnel in Puerto Rico

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (SN) SINGAPORE
Rate of Exchange: \$0.573066

CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (SI) SLOVENIA
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 0 to 49955 Tolar for personnel in Slovenia

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (SP) SPAIN
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 541 to 580 Euro for personnel in Spain – Madrid and from 429 to 359 Euro for personnel in all other localities in Spain

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (SW) SWEDEN
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 4344 to 5912 Swedish Krona for personnel in Sweden

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (SZ) SWITZERLAND
Rate of Exchange: \$0.699301

CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (TH) THAILAND
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 11616 to 11911 Thailand Baht for personnel in Thailand

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (TD) TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 165 to 197 US Dollars for personnel in Trinidad and Tobago

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (TU) TURKEY
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 344 to 291 US Dollars for personnel in Turkey

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (UK) UNITED KINGDOM
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 207 to 263 British Pound for personnel in the United Kingdom – Central London and from 344 to 263 British Pound for personnel in all other localities in the United Kingdom

CHANGE CODE(S): D

COUNTRY: (VE) VENEZUELA
Rate of Exchange: \$0.000783

CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (VM) VIETNAM
Effective 01 January 2003, OHA Utility/Recurring Maintenance allowance is revised from 0 to 82 US Dollars for personnel in Vietnam

CHANGE CODE(S): D

SECTION C

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

CHANGES TO ALLOWANCES ARE BASED ON VALUE FLUCTUATIONS OF FOREIGN MONETARY UNITS IN RELATION TO THE U.S. DOLLAR. EXCHANGE RATES USED BY THE COMMITTEE FOLLOW:

EXCHANGE RATE (TO 1 DLR U.S.)

ARGENTINA	3.62	3.5
CROATIA	7.39	7.17
ESTONIA	16	15.3
HUNGARY	230	225
ICELAND	82	79.25
ISRAEL	4.84	4.55
JERUSALEM	4.84	4.55
LITHUANIA	3.53	3.37
MALTA	0.4243	0.4072
NEW ZEALAND	1.97	1.9
NORWAY	7.2	7.04
PHILIPPINES	53	54
SINGAPORE	1.78	1.745
SWITZERLAND	1.48	1.43
VENEZUELA	1345	1277

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. ALLOWANCE CHANGES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THREE OTHER SOURCES: THE NORMAL TRANSACTION FILE, DISPATCHED TO ALL DFAS FINANCE CENTERS VIA DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER (DMDC); THE PER DIEM COMMITTEE'S FTP SERVER (<ftp://www.perdiem.osd.mil/msgs>); AND THE WEB. THOSE OFFICES AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE ALLOWANCE CHANGES VIA ANY OF THE THREE MODES MENTIONED ABOVE SHOULD ACCESS THE DATA THROUGH THEIR NORMAL FINANCE CENTER ORGANIZATION OR PARENT AGENCY.
2. WHERE PRACTICAL, ONLY LOCALITIES WHICH CHANGE ARE LISTED. LOCALITIES NOT LISTED REMAIN UNCHANGED. NO LISTING IS DELETED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED.
3. COST-OF-LIVING AND OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE CHANGE CODE SYMBOLS ARE: '**D**' (CHANGES BASED ON NEW COST DATA); '**X**' (CHANGES BASED ON A FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENT); AND '**E**' (CHANGES BASED ON AN EMERGENCY ACTION).
4. DATA CHANGES TO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULES RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR FROM COMMANDS.
5. DATA CHANGES TO OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE RENTAL CEILINGS ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF DFAS FINANCE CENTER DATA AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FROM COMMANDS; CHANGES TO UTILITY/RECURRING MAINTENANCE, AND TO MOVE-IN HOUSING (MIHA)/MISCELLANEOUS ALLOWANCES ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF HOUSING COST DATA SUBMITTED BY COMMANDS.